

Gentlemen - as a 25+ year licensee of the Amateur Radio service,

I am Very concerned about the future of not only my beloved hobby but the future viability of any sort of communications that use the spectrum below 80 MHz.

Having read the various articles on BPL in the amateur Radio magazines, and also being a 25 year member of the ARRL,

I have tried to remain informed.

The hazard of BPL should be apparent. Any part 15 emission has the capability of interfering with licensed communications.

Amateur radio, as you are well aware is sometimes the only means of communicating into and out of remote areas,

and if the service is made untenable by extreme levels of noise, which will tend to desensitize the receiver used,

the service will no doubt cease to exist.

I am hoping that the destruction of the Amateur radio service is not the intent of the FCC.

There are alternate means available to provide Internet coverage (cable, DSL, and Satellite being 3 of the high speed alternatives I am aware of)

Should we not try to preserve the Amateur Radio service as a whole? Amateurs have given so much to this country. Without us, communications technology would certainly not be nearly as advanced as we enjoy today.

Also - the potential for interference to Public Safety radio must be considered. In this part of the country all of the Volunteer Fire Departments are dispatched in the 33 MHz portion of VHF

33 MHz is well below the cutoff point of 80 MHz quoted by the BPL people. This could well lead to loss of life and/or property if Vital communication links are made unusable by this ill considered technology.

I thank you for your time

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